

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application claims 6-9, of which claim 6 is independent. Claims 10-15 have been cancelled.

Claims 6-9 have been identified as being allowed. As none of these claims has been further amended, they remain in condition for allowance.

Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution and placing this application in condition for allowance. Applicant is currently in the process of preparing a divisional application to present one or more of the rejected claims for further prosecution.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the above application is respectfully sought.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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